

DDA 78-3734/2

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Ames Building Cafeteria

I have received your note expressing your and other Agency employees' concern over the closing of the Ames Building cafeteria. I have attached a copy of a notice to be circulated to all Agency employees in Rosslyn which I hope explains the necessity for this action. I regret having to take an action which, although cost-effective and necessary to support the basic functions of CIA, nevertheless impacts on employee convenience. I do, however, endorse your forthright notification of employee reaction and encourage continued use of this channel in similar circumstances.

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EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

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CLOSING OF THE AMES BUILDING CAFETERIA

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

1. It has been brought to my attention that there is employee concern over the closing of the Ames Building cafeteria operated by GSI. Unfortunately, the space occupied by this cafeteria is required to provide otherwise unavailable space. Our first move after the closure, however, will be to refurbish some of the cafeteria space into a machine-type snack bar similar to the service afforded components in other external buildings.

2. The decision to close the cafeteria was not an easy one. Agency space requirements have been a critical issue; and, despite two personal appeals to the Administrator, the General Services Administration has been unable to provide relief. Additionally, as employees may have known, GSI has consistently lost money in its Ames Building operation and has maintained continuous pressure to close the facility. GSI's compelling argument has been an inability to compete with the proliferation of commercial eating facilities in the Rosslyn area. The predominant factor remains, however,

that despite exhaustive analysis, we were unable to develop any other viable alternative to meet current and urgent requirements for space to support the basic intelligence mission of the Agency.

3. I regret having to discontinue any employee convenience, but cannot support employee convenience over operational requirements. Many of our employees share either convenience or hardship because of our many locations within the Metropolitan Washington Area. It is not possible to equalize conditions to all locations although it is my policy to maximize employee benefits within limits established for Federal employees.

4. Again, this was not an easy decision, but I have every confidence that Agency employees in Rosslyn will again adjust to inconvenience and maintain their excellent performance.

DISTRIBUTION: ALL EMPLOYEES (ROSSLYN AREA)

78-3734

22 September 1978

To Admiral Stansfield Turner:

The Ames Center Cafeteria has been scheduled to close on 31 October 1978. Of course, the employees in Ames, Key, and other government offices have not been informed of this. I was informed of the closing by the employees of the Cafeteria. We are already discriminated against by having to pay for our parking, and it is just too much to ask us to pay exorbitant prices at the local restaurants also. Many people said we should protest, but no one did anything. Consequently, I started this petition. There could be many more signatures, but time being of the essence, I decided to turn this in to you now. Please give this your most urgent consideration, and remember there are hundreds of us hopeful that you will see that we will still have our Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receptionist at Ames Bldg.

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Remarks:

I understand that the presenter of the attached petition has the impression that the reason for closing the cafeteria is "because CIA needs more office space."

The Director would appreciate a report on this situation and a proposed response as soon as possible.